

City Council Room,

Austin, March 6, 1871

The City Council of the City of Austin will pursuant to adjournment Roll called. His Honor the Mayor in the chair. Present - Alderman Mofts Thos Adams, J. L. Bruce, Henry Madison, S. Musina, J. H. Robinson - Absent - Mayor J. Brownard, E. Eggleston.

Alderman J. L. Bruce, ^{absent}, to be excused from attendance during the meeting, whereupon, on motion of Alderman J. H. Robinson, the Council adjourned until Wednesday night, March 8th, 1871, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

O. P. French, Recorder.

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Alderman C. Eggleston, chairman of the Committee on the Cemetery, offered the following Report, to wit:

Austin, March 7th, 1871

Hon. John W. Hunt,

Mayor of Austin.

Your Committee on Cemetery beg leave to report that they have examined the cemetery and find it in good order.

The present burial place for colored persons is now nearly filled, and we would recommend that an Ordinance be passed setting apart all that portion of the ground lying beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot No. 47 and running thence to the eastern boundary of the grave yard, and setting apart all of that portion lying north of the said line, for use to the colored persons for Burial Lots, to be laid off under the supervision of the Committee.

We would also report having instructed the sexton to have twenty-four large cedar posts and a like number of smaller posts at the proper corners of lots.

There is one lot sold on the above corner to Mr. W. Garrison; and we recommend that he have title issued for one other in another portion shown his chart; also, that those six persons buried in what is known as the Stranger's Burial Ground. These, we would recommend, should be removed at the expense of the city.

E. G. Eggleston
Henry Madison, Committee on
John Brownard, Cemetery.

On motion of Almoner S. Massina; the preceding report of the Committee on Fire Department was adopted, and said Committee discharged.

Almoner S. Massina, Chairman of the Committee on Fire Department, offered the following report, to-wit:

Austin, March 8th, 1871

Hon. John M. Sloan
Mayor of Austin.

Your Committee on the Fire Department of Austin City beg leave to report that they find the suction hose of the Washington Fire Engine No. 1 to be perfectly worthless; that since our last meeting there have been two fires in the city, at which there was no water to be had; and except the two cisterns on the Avenue, there has been no provision made by the city for a supply of water. We accordingly recommend that there be at least six (6) new cisterns built, at as early a day as possible, and at such points as we may recommend. The suction hose has been ordered by telegraph, in accordance with your instructions to that effect, and we may expect it here in ten or twelve days, having given instructions to have it forwarded by the most expeditious route. We would advise that (for) these cisterns now built, and any which may be, (that) they be located in the middle of the street, and that they be constructed so that they can be filled with water from the cavity roof, instead of from the gutters, as in the latter case great quantities of dirt is (are) coming in, which works great damage to the valves of the engine, besides decreasing the supply of water.

It is probable that the Washington Fire Engine Company will soon be able to purchase a new engine, and we find their present engine housed on Penn Street unsafe for use, and in consideration of the growth of the city, we recommend that a suitable Engine House, with a second story be built, say 40 feet long by 20 feet wide, to be built of stone or brick, the lower floor to be long enough to allow the engine and hose truck, and rails to stretch the hose, so that they can be stored, Piped and Pumped, green after having been used.

Respectfully,

S. Massina
C. S. Eggleston } Committee on
J. B. Robinson } Fire Department
John Brown }

The preceding report of the Committee on Fire Department being read, was recommended for further consideration.

During the discussion of said report, Almoner C. S. Eggleston offered the following Resolution, to-wit:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin,

Pending the discussion on the preceding report of the Committee on Fire Department, Alderman J. Brownard made a motion to request the Mayor to appoint a ^{permanent} Standing Committee of Four on the Fire Department, which, on motion of Alderman Musina, was adopted.

This Honor, in accordance with said motion, thereupon appointed
Aldermen of Brownard
J. L. Buas } a permanent Committee on
Henry Marion } the Fire Department.
J. Musina }

Alderman C. Eggleston offered the following Resolution, to-wit:

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the Committee on the Fire Department be and are hereby authorized to have constructed and built three (3) bittons at such points as in their judgment are most needful, and of such dimensions as may be most useful to be built at the lowest price.

On motion of Alderman J. Brownard, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

Alderman Buas offered the following Resolution, to-wit:

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin,
That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to apply the notes given by the Lessors of the Hall in the Market-house for ready payment of such portion to whom the City is indebted in building the market house; provided, the rate of discount on said notes shall not be more than at the rate of twelve (12) per cent per annum.

On motion of Alderman Brownard, said resolution was unanimously adopted.

Alderman Musina offered the following Resolution, to-wit:

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin,
That the Committee on Market house be and are hereby authorized to have the City Hall furnished with suitable seats and lights to fit it to be used for public purposes.

Which Resolution, on motion of Alderman Thomas Adams, was adopted.

Alderman Brownard presented a petition by citizens of this place for the purpose of reducing the present tax imposed on Real Estate Owners or Land Agents, which petition, on motion of Alderman Musina, was deferred for further consideration at the next meeting of the City Council.

Alderman Eggleston offered the following Resolution, to-wit:

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin,
That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to pay all accounts and Bills which may have been approved by

the Finance Committee.

Which resolution, on motion of Alderman J. Brewster, was
unanimously adopted.

On motion of Alderman Brewster, the city council adjourned
until

O. P. Zwick, Recorder